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SUBJECT: IV TRAVEL OF SALVADOR P. LOPEZ: WASHINGTON
- VISIT

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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SALVADOR P. LOPEZ PLANS VISIT U.S. ON IV GRANT, LEAVING MANILA OCTOBER 31, AND EXPECTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON, APPROX. NOV. 5-10. LOPEZ IS FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY, FORMER PHIL. AMBASSADOR TO U.S. AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNIV. OF PHILIPPINES. IS HEADING A GROUP OF INFLUENTIAL ACADEMICS OBSERVING AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES. LOPEZ IS CURRENTLY PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE HERE IN DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING OF NEED FOR SERIOUS SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH ON U.S. AND U.S.-RP RELATIONS.

2. IN PAST FEW DAYS LOPEZ HAS EVINCED INTEREST FOR FIRST TIME IN MEETING WITH DEPT. AND NON-DEPT. INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN CURRENT RP POLITICAL SITUATION. AS DEPT.
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AWARE, HE IS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS OPPOSED TO MARCOS GOVERNMENT AND ATTRIBUTES HIS SACKING AS UP PRESIDENT TO SPEECH HE GAVE IN 1973 AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CRITICIZING MARTIAL LAW GOVERNMENT.

3. FYI: ALL MANILA DAILIES OCTOBER 21 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORY BY PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

CITING HIRC RECORDS THAT FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE PAID "WITNESS FEE" AND ROUND-TRIP AIR FARE FOR EUGENIO LOPEZ, JR., AND PROFESSOR GEORGE KAHIN, "WHO TESTIFIED AGAINST THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT." STORY CONTINUES THAT "EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE SAID THE REASON IT COULD NOT INVITE WITNESSES FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO ANSWER THE CHARGES OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT WITNESSES WAS THE LACK OF FUNDS. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S. AMELITO MUTUC TOLD PNA IN MANILA THAT TWO YEARS AGO HE APPEARED BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHILE IN WASHINGTON ON A PRIVATE VISIT. "I SPOKE ABOUT THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE PRESIDENT'S NEW SOCIETY. I DID NOT RECEIVE A SINGLE CENT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE." END FYI.

4. IF HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON BECOMES KNOWN, LOPEZ MIGHT BE INVITED TO TESTIFY BEFORE SOME CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. GOP REACTION TO HIS TESTIFYING WHILE IN U.S. ON IV GRANT WOULD BE DECIDEDLY NEGATIVE. FACT THAT APPEARANCE WAS ARRANGED AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND IS OUTSIDE ADMINISTRATION CONTROL COULD WELL BE LOST ON GOP.

5. HOPE THAT LOPEZ MIGHT BE RECEIVED BY APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, AS REQUESTED. APPRECIATE THAT HIS POSSIBLE APPEARANCE ON HILL IS BEYOND OUR CONTROL BUT WISH DEPARTMENT BE AWARE OF RAMIFICATIONS.

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